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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1713
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Volkmar THOM et al)	Examiner:
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Appln. No.: 09/913,944)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed or 102(e) date:)	
December 19, 2001)	Confirmation No. 5897
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For: BIOCOMPATIBLE MATERIAL)	September 28, 2004
WITH A NOVEL FUNCTIONALITY))	

SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

As more than 33 months have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage and no action on the merits has yet been received, the applicants hereby respectfully make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

The last office actions were the decision on petition mailed April 29, 2004, and the Notice of Acceptance mailed May 12, 2004.

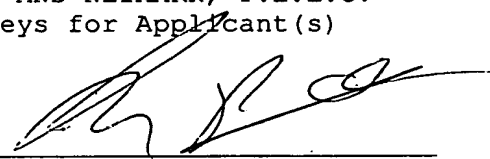
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As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO
"will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant
needs and therefore **requests a written reply**.

Respectfully submitted,

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